

MISS SAN LUIS, ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT



2020-2021 Application



Deadline for application submission is Thursday May 20th, 2021

Must be between ages 17-23 on September 15th, 2021

The Pageant will be held on Thursday, September 16th, 2021

Please deliver or email the completed application to:

Cesar Chavez Cultural Center

1015 North Main Street, San Luis, AZ 85349

Office Number (928) 341-8538

Email: Lizette Varela Lvarela@sanluisaz.gov

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK.

Date: _____ Age: _____ E-mail: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

For this application to be complete, you must attach a copy of your birth certificate and a government-issued identification (such as a driver's license or passport).

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Physical Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

For this application to be complete, you must attach proof of your physical address.

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Accept Text Messages? Yes ___ No ___

School _____ Grade or Year of College _____

Special Interests/Hobbies: _____

Facebook account/Social Media: _____

Please list any organizations in which you currently participate/activities _____

What are your dreams/your goals after you graduate college?

3. Words that best describe you: _____

If you are chosen as a contestant, you will receive a Miss San Luis, Arizona T-Shirt.

Your T-Shirt size (Adult)? S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

Please fill out the following if you are under 18 years of age:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Important Information

- **Costs:** The applicants selected to be contestants shall furnish the casual wear and evening gown ensembles for the competition categories are responsible for all expenses resulting from participating in the pageant including but not limited to makeup, hair and nails.
- **Dates:**
 - **Thursday May 21st, 2021, Deadline for Submitting this Application**
 - **Thursday June 3rd, 2021 Mandatory Meeting at 6:00pm**
 - **Dates to be determined,** at least two (2) weekend activities, several community events, several workshops.
 - **Monday August 23rd, 2021,** Deadline for Submitting Essay.
 - **Monday September 6th, 2021 through Wednesday, September 15th, 2021,** Rehearsal
 - **Thursday September 16th, 2021** day of the event Miss San Luis Scholarship Pageant 2021.
- **Inquiries:** Please contact Lizette Varela Lvarela@sanluisaz.gov (928) 341-8538.

Official Rules

The Miss San Luis, Arizona Scholarship Pageant is governed by Arizona Law. The City of San Luis reserves the right to modify the official rules in its sole discretion. The city shall provide contestants any modifications in writing.

1. Eligibility:

a. Eligibility Requirements:

- i. Be a resident living continuously within the city limits of San Luis, Arizona for at least one (1) year before September 15th, 2021.
- ii. Be age 17 to 23 on September 15th, 2021.
- iii. Have no felony convictions, other convictions, or pending charges that may bring discredit to the City of San Luis Miss San Luis Scholarship Pageant. (A criminal background check will be required of applicants selected to be contestants).
- iv. Be female.
- v. Be bilingual in English and Spanish.
- vi. Cannot have been the top winner in the prior year. (The top winner is not eligible to participate in consecutive years).
- vii. Be enrolled in school
 1. Registered as a full-time student or
 2. Employed part-time (minimum 16 hours per week) and attending school part-time (minimum 6 hours per week)

The applicant must maintain the above full-time or part-time student status through the Pageant. If the applicant becomes Miss San Luis, Arizona, she must maintain above full-time or part-time student status through her election year.

b. Submissions Required to be Eligible:

Deliver, fax, or email all submissions to:

Cesar Chavez Cultural Center

1015 North Main Street

San Luis, Arizona 85349

E-mail: Lizette Varela Lvarela@sanluisaz.gov

(The digital photographs shall be submitted only by e-mail to either of the above e-mail addresses).

- i. **This Application:** This application must be submitted on or before **Monday May 31st, 2021**. Late applications will not be considered.

This application must be completed in full including attachments of

- copy of the birth certificate,
- copy of government-issued identification,
- proof of physical address.

Those who apply on time do not automatically become contestants. The City of San Luis Parks and Recreation Department will review all applications submitted on time and in its discretion determine eligibility to select the contestants. The decision of eligibility to select

the contestants cannot be appealed and is final. Applications found to be untrue will be excluded from the competition. There is no registration fee.

- ii. **Promotional Photos:** The applicant must submit 2 digital photographs of herself in semi-formal or formal attire. The photographs must be appropriate for promotion of the Miss San Luis, Arizona Scholarship Pageant. Please submit the photographs on or before **Thursday June 3rd, 2021.**
- iii. **Essay:** To be eligible, the applicant must write an essay and submit it on or before **Monday August 23th, 2021.** The essay must be type-written, in English, in MLA format, a minimum of 750 words. The topic must express a community project the applicant would implement throughout her elected period starting September 17th, 2021, if she won Miss San Luis, Arizona and highlighting the positive impact the community project would have on the City of San Luis, Arizona. The essay will be judged on content, form, style and creativity. (See specifics in the criteria table under the heading below titled, "How Winners are Selected." An applicant is not eligible if the essay is late, or the essay does not follow the above rules.

2. Requirements of Chosen Contestants:

a. Mandatory Attendance:

Mandatory Meeting Thursday June 3rd, 2021.

Locations: Cesar Chavez Cultural Center

1015 N Main Street.

San Luis, Arizona

Five (5) Points will be deducted from the maximum points of 100 if the contestant is absent.

Dates to be determined. There will be:

At least two (2) weekend activities,

several community events,

Several workshops to enhance personal development.

Rehearsal Monday September 6th, through Thursday September 15th, 2021.

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1015 North Main Street

San Luis, Arizona

Five (5) Points will be deducted from the maximum points of 100 if the contestant is absent.

Miss San Luis Scholarship Pageant Thursday, September 16th, 2021

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1015 North Main Street

San Luis, Arizona

If the contestant is absent, the contestant will be disqualified from the contest.

b. City of San Luis Volunteer Application:

Contestants must fill out a City of San Luis Volunteer Application and submit to a criminal background check.

c. **Dress Code:**

While participating in the pageant or the activities leading to the pageant, contestants shall not wear clothes that expose the midriff or the areas covered by modest-style women's swimsuits. Tops shall not be too low-cut. Skirts or shorts shall not be excessively short.

3. **How the Winners are Selected:**

a. **The Judges** There shall be five (5) judges selected by the City of San Luis Parks and Recreation Department for their neutrality and their ability and experience in the categories they will be judging. Sponsors, contributors of services, contributors of prizes shall not serve as judges. Those with a close relationship to a contestant shall not be judges. Judges will serve as volunteers without pay. The judges are the sole decision-makers.

b. **Miss San Luis, Arizona**

The winning contestant for Miss San Luis, Arizona will be the contestant with the highest number of points awarded by the judges. The judges will judge using the criteria and range of points below in the competition categories listed. If there is a tie, all five (5) judges shall vote for the contestant of each judge's choice from the contestants who tied. The contestant with the most votes shall be the winner.

Categories	Criteria	Points
Essay-Content	The content will be judged on how much the community project will have a positive impact on the San Luis community. If the essay does not address the topic, there will be zero (0) points for the essay. The form will be judged on whether it follows the requirements it be written in English with correct grammar and punctuation in MLA format. A maximum of 750 words with approximately 5 paragraphs. The style will be judged on whether it is easy to read and easy to understand. The creativity will be judged on originality of the ideas expressed or artistry in the use of the language.	0 to 25
Casual Wear	Casual Wear will be judged on the contestant's skill in projecting an overall pleasing appearance, poise, self-confidence, gracefulness, and a sense of style in the choice of clothing.	0 to 15
Talent	Talent will be judged on the difficulty of the talent, the skill and the mastery of the particular talent on display.	0 to 15
Stage Question	The Stage Question will be judged on the ability of the contestant to think on her feet and maintain composure.	0 to 15
Evening Gown	The Evening Gown will be judged on the contestant's skill in projecting an overall pleasing appearance, poise, self-confidence, gracefulness, and a sense of style in the choice of gown.	0 to 15
Platform	This category will be judged on the positive impact the contestant's platform would have on San Luis, Arizona.	0 to 15
Mandatory Attendance	Monday June 8 th , 2020 meeting, weekend activities, community events, workshops to enhance personal development, Monday September 7 th , 2020 through September 16 th rehearsal. (5 points deducted for each absence)	-5 times the number of absences

c. Runner-up

The runner-up will be the contestant with the second highest number of points awarded by the judges using the same criteria for Miss San Luis, Arizona. If there is a tie for runner-up, all five (5) judges shall vote for the contestant of each judge's choice from the contestants who tied. The contestant with the most votes shall be the runner-up.

d. Miss Congeniality

Miss Congeniality will be the contestant that receives the highest number of votes from all five (five) judges on the criteria of the contestant who has demonstrated that she gets along with others, warmth and friendliness. If there is a tie for Ms. Congeniality, all five (5) judges shall vote for the contestant of each judge's choice from the contestants who tied. The contestant with the most votes shall be the Ms. Congeniality.

e. Miss Elegance

Miss Elegance will be the contestant that receives the highest number of votes from all five (five) judges on the criteria of the contestant who has demonstrated the most gracefulness, ability to glide smoothly across the stage, and stylishness with simplicity. If there is a tie for Miss Elegance, all five (5) judges shall vote for the contestant of each judge's choice from the contestants who tied. The contestant with the most votes shall be Miss Elegance.

All decisions of the judges cannot be appealed and are final.

4. Duties of Miss San Luis and Runners-up:

If Miss San Luis, Arizona cannot continue representing the City of San Luis as elected candidate due to any personal, health, inability to meet pageant rules or relocation; the runner-up will automatically become Miss San Luis, Arizona. If the runner-up cannot perform these duties due to any of the reasons above, the second (2nd) runner-up will become Miss San Luis, Arizona.

5. Services for all Contestants: those who are selected as contestants will receive services provided by the pageant's sponsors.

- **FREE MODELING SESSION WITH PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR TO PREPARE PARTICIPANTS FOR PAGEANT & RUNWAY**
- **FREE COSMETIC & HAIR-DO SESSION WITH PROFESSIONAL MAKE-UP ARTIST & STYLIST**
- **FREE PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOPS TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION SKILLS OF PARTICIPANTS WITH**

6. Promotion of the Pageant: Contestants may assist the City of San Luis Parks and Recreation Department by volunteering without pay to promote the pageant and sell tickets. However, these activities are not required.

Prizes the winning contestant will receive:

7. Miss San Luis 2021

- a. \$1,000.00 Scholarship
- b. Crown
- c. Roses
- d. Sash
- e. Award plaque for the new Miss San Luis

8. The Runner-up:

- a. \$500.00 Scholarship
- b. Sash

9. Tax Information

There may be tax consequences to the contestants. For the total value of the prizes and services of \$600 or more, the city will issue a Form 1099-MISC to the contestant receiving these prizes and services for their income-tax reporting.

For the total value of the prizes and services of \$5,000 or more, the city must withhold 25% of the value and send the withholding the IRS.

Applicant's Certification

I do swear or affirm that the following is true and correct:

All the information and attachments I have provided with this application are true and correct.

I have read, and I understand all of the above-written Official Rules.

I am eligible to participate as a contestant in the Miss San Luis, Arizona Scholarship Pageant, under the above-written Official Rules.

(Signature of Applicant)

Applicant's Agreement and Releases

IN CONSIDERATION of the opportunity to participate in the activities and compete for the Miss San Luis, Arizona Scholarship Pageant I agree to the following:

I agree to be bound by the Official Rules.

I assume all the risks associated with participation in the Miss San Luis, Arizona Scholarship Pageant and the activities leading to the Pageant. I FULLY UNDERSTAND there are risks which may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activity or the condition in which the activity takes place; there may be other risks and social or economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur because of my participation in the Activity including the risk of not winning the contest. Follow public orders of the Arizona Governor, County Health District, and City of San Luis, Az.

I would release the City of San Luis from liability if the City did not receive or lost my application due to interruption in internet connections, or miscommunication, or other electronic malfunctions.

I release the City of San Luis, its elected officials, officers, agents and employees from any liability for any loss or injury I may suffer regarding and, in any way, arising from participation in this competition for Miss San Luis, Arizona or the associated acceptance of services and prizes.

I allow the City of San Luis to use my image and likeness for the promotion of the City and the Miss San Luis, Arizona Scholarship Pageant.

I allow the City to use my name for the promotion of the Miss San Luis, Arizona Scholarship Pageant.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and with no inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

(Applicants Signature)

Date _____

(Contestants Parent/Guardian) Signature if Contestant is under 18 Years of Age)

Date _____

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Date: _____